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Abstract (en)
[origin: GB2519791A] A breaker circuit 300 isolates a converter 200 from a direct current network 204 in a fault condition. The breaker circuit 300 includes an isolation element 104, which may be a mechanical switch, which can prevent current flow between the dc network 204 and the converter 200. An energy absorption element 112 can receive energy remaining in the circuit after activation of the isolation element 104. A commutating voltage source 206 provides a commutating voltage to divert current away from the isolation element 104, and a switchable bypass path 110 receives the diverted current. At least one of the energy absorption element 112, the commutating voltage source 206 and the bypass path 110 is shared as a functional component of the converter 200. Sharing common components between the circuit breaker 300 and the converter 200 leads to fewer components and reduced weight. The bypass path 110 and/or the commutating voltage source 206 may comprise half-bridge or full-bridge chain link cells. The absorption element 112 may comprise capacitors, and the charged capacitors may power the isolation switch 104. The converter 200 may be connected to an ac network and assist with reactive power requirements.

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